

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/757,904

Applicant(s)

RYAN ET AL.

Examiner

Kristie Shingles

Art Unit

2141

All Participants:

(1) Kristie Shingles, Examiner.

(2) Gregory Carr, Atty# 31,093.

Status of Application: ALLOWED

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 14 September 2006

Time: 2:45pm

Type of Interview:



Telephonic



Video Conference



Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

1, 12, 23 and 28

Prior art documents discussed:

n/a

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner suggested doing an Examiner's Amendment to the independent claims to overcome a lack-of-antecedent-basis rejection for the amended limitation by replacing "the optional field" with "an optional field". Applicant approved the examiner's amendment to the claim language, which is consistent with Applicant's specification.